GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:161
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2002
LOSS SUFFERED BY THE VILLAGERS NEAR BORDER AREAS
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that crops, grazing fields and feeder canal have been destroyed in the border and LoC areas due to deployment of army;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any survey to assess the damage caused thereby;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the compensation paid to the farmers on this account?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 161 FOR 14.3.2002

Reports of damages to the lands and crops etc of the farmers/peoples residing in the border areas due to the current mobilization of troops in these areas have come to the notice of this Ministry.

Instructions have been issued to the Local Army Authorities to carry out joint survey alongwith the representatives of the local revenue authorities to assess the damages and the amount of compensation to be paid. The Chief Secretaries of the State Governments of J&K, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat have also been requested to issue necessary instructions to their local revenue authorities to make their representatives available to the Army authorities as and when required by Army authorities, for assessing the compensation. No compensation has been paid to the farmers so far.